

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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May 20, 2003

FROM: **WALLY HILL**, County Administrative Officer
 PETER R. HILLS, County Fire Chief/Fire Warden

SUBJECT: CONTINUATION OF LOCAL BARK BEETLE EMERGENCY

RECOMMENDATION: Continue the Emergency Proclamation originally proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors on September 24, 2002, relating to the Bark Beetle infestation and severe drought conditions described in the Emergency Proclamation, which still exists and continues to be an emergency.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On September 24, 2002, the Board adopted a resolution proclaiming a local emergency on public and private lands located in the San Bernardino and Angeles National Forests. The Board has reviewed and continued the proclamation on either 14-day or 21-day intervals as required by California Government Code, and did so as a result of the continued existence of the local emergency.

During a period when the Board meets weekly, the proclamation must be reviewed every 14 days in accordance with Government Code section 8630(c)(2). If the Board does not meet weekly (e.g. due to a holiday), the proclamation must be reviewed every 21 days in accordance with Government Code section 8630(c)(1). The Board last took action to continue the emergency on May 6, 2003, and approval of this recommendation would continue the emergency for an additional period in accordance with Government Code section 8630.

Staff will present a status report and further recommendations to the Board at the June 3, 2003 Board meeting. Included in that status report will be a staffing plan relative to additional positions recommended on April 8, 2003 in connection with the \$2,673,101 FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Staff will also continue to implement the various Board-approved recommendations working in conjunction with the Mountain Area Safety Task Force and Fire Safe Councils.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item was reviewed by the County Administrative Office (Wayne Thies, Administrative Analyst on May 13, 2003); County Fire Department (Peter Hills, Fire Chief/Fire Warden on May 13, 2003, Peter Brierty, Fire Marshal on May 13, 2003, and Denise Benson, Division Manager, Office of Emergency Services on May 13, 2003); and County Counsel (Dennis Tilton, Deputy County Counsel on May 13, 2003).

FINANCIAL IMPACT: There is no financial impact associated with this action to continue the Emergency Proclamation.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): First, Second and First

PRESENTERS: Peter Hills, 387-5948
 Peter Brierty, 876-8400

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